

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS AND GOSSIP

The House Will Conduct Rig- id Investigations.

THE GOVERNOR CALLED UPON

For the Whys and Wherefores of the Removal of Certain Railway Commissioners—The Hope of S. Otho Wilson—White and Colored Schools—Senator Butler's Confederate Pension Bill—Notes.

Raleigh, N. C., January 9.—The House has set its coulters deep in the land of investigation. What the plow will turn up remains to be seen.

The resolutions introduced Saturday looking toward an investigation, begin with the Governor, cross the hall to the Treasurer's office and then go down to the north end of the capitol and take a turn at the Secretary of State.

The resolution concerning the Governor is a joint resolution, introduced by Mr. Justice, of McDowell. It calls on His Excellency for his reasons for suspending the Wilsons from the office of Railroad Commissioners, together with the evidence and other papers in the case. The resolution is as follows:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That a committee, consisting of three members of the Senate, be appointed to wait on the Governor and ask him to present to the General Assembly within the next five days from the passage of this resolution his reasons for suspending J. W. Wilson from the office of chairman of the Railroad Commission, and S. O. Wilson from the office of Railroad Commissioner.

This resolution was referred to the Committee on Railroads and Railroad Commission, but may again be called up at any time.

WILSON'S HOPE.
S. Otho Wilson, who claims still to be Railroad Commissioner, has resigned. On Saturday his resignation was sent to the Lieutenant-Governor and the Speaker of the House.

There is the hope on the part of Otho that the Legislature, which has no love for Russell, will overturn the Governor's action suspending him from office if they do not thereby run the risk of seeing him again installed as Railroad Commissioner. He knows that he can never serve again, and he has decided that it will be a master stroke to tender his resignation, resting his application for reinstatement upon a simple demand for salary. He thinks the Legislature will declare Major Wilson entitled to the salary during suspension, and he is trying desperately to get into the same boat with Major Wilson.

There is some division of sentiment as to whether the Legislature will resolve itself into a jury to try the case after hearing the Governor's statements, or whether it will remand the case to the courts where a regular jury will pass upon the evidence. Very little has been said about the matter and no definite policy can be predicted.

THE SCHOOLS.
There is considerable opposition among the Democratic members of the Legislature to the bill to amend the Constitution by giving the white public schools the white taxes and to the negro schools the negro taxes. It is argued that this will to a very great degree cut off education of the negroes and that the latter will become densely ignorant and by reason of such ignorance a menace to the Commonwealth. The declaration is made to me by one member that he does not believe the necessary two-thirds vote can be secured to this bill in order to present it to the people at the next election in the shape of an amendment to the Constitution.

SENATOR BUTLER'S BILL.
The local camp of Confederate Veterans adopted the following resolution in regard to Senator Butler's bill to put them on the pension roll:

"We, the members of L. O. B. Branch Camp of Confederate Veterans, of Raleigh, N. C., in the meeting assembled, having seen in the papers that Senator Butler has introduced a bill in the United States Senate to pension the Confederate veterans, we hereby enter our protest against said bill as degrading and demoralizing in its tendency, and suggest to the honorable Senator that he use his efforts to purge the pension rolls of the bummers and bounty jumpers of the Federal army, and we will thank him for same."

BRIEF MENTION.
Ex-Register of Deeds Rogers is now a member of the firm of W. E. Neal & Co., at Apex. He will also operate the Apex Canning Company.

Mr. Henry J. Fort, of Forsyth county, was yesterday appointed manager of the shirt factory at the penitentiary, vice James Mott, Republican, resigned. Sheriff Jones, of Moore county, has settled his taxes. He is the second Sheriff to make settlement in full with the Treasurer, Sheriff Ellington, of Johnston, being the first.

The report of the penitentiary for 1898 was Saturday placed in Governor Russell's hands. It is said the penitentiary owes the State Treasurer \$13,000 borrowed money and also owes some \$4,000 of other debts.

The Virginian-Pilot correspondent is informed by persons from Greensboro that the bank of Guilford, which last week closed its doors, will in all probability pay depositors in full, but that the stockholders are not likely to get over fifty per cent.

ELIZABETH CITY.

NEWS FROM THE METROPOLIS OF THE PASQUOTANK.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Jan. 9.—Mr. Jerry Burgess returned from Norfolk to-day to be at the bedside of his sick mother.

Miss Lizzie Baker, of New York, who has been visiting the Misses Delons, on Road street, returned to Trenton, N. C., to-day, where she is employed as school teacher.

Mr. Zenas Gregory, of Hertford, N. C., is visiting his brother, Mr. W. P. Gregory, on Road street. Mr. Gregory contemplates entering into business here.

Choponoke Tribe, No. 10, L. O. R. M.,

raised up the following last Thursday night: C. C. Bailey, Chief; N. S. Gray, S. S.; Wesley Williams, J. S.; P. E. Doster, P. M.; D. W. Pearson, C. of R.; James W. Richardson, K. of W.; T. T. Whitcomb, Col. of W.; L. B. Kirby, Keeper of Wigwam.

Some one entered the hen-house of Mr. W. P. Gregory Saturday night and took two of his nicest hens for a Sunday dinner.

There were very few country people in town Saturday.

The many friends of Mr. Fred H. Shipm will be glad to know that he is now serving his third enlistment and is fattening on the soils of Cuba.

Mr. P. D. Gallup is confined to his bed with the la grippe on North Road street.

"Ten Nights in a Bar-Room" will be the attraction at the Academy of Music to-night by Lyceum Stock Company.

EDENTON.

Edenton, N. C., Jan. 9.—The friends of Mr. Lam. Begler are pleased to see him out again after a severe attack of rheumatism.

Misses Sawyer and Kramer, of Elizabeth City, are here on a visit to relatives.

Miss Lida Wilkerson, of Belhaven, N. C., is the guest of Miss Mary Bond, on Granville street.

Dr. Dillard lost his other driving horse yesterday, which makes two that he has lost inside of three days.

Services at all of the churches were largely attended yesterday.

Mr. Z. Copeland has been off for a week on a visit to his parents, near Belvidere, N. C.

HERTFORD.

Hertford, N. C., Jan. 9.—We learn from good authority that the East Carolina Lumber Company will open a company's store in a few weeks.

Mrs. Elizabeth Winslow died very suddenly of heart trouble last Friday afternoon at her home in Bear Swamp.

Will Saunders is the Hertford correspondent for this paper, and would be glad to serve any one at ten cents per week.

Mr. E. B. Leary has removed his family to this place.

Mr. T. D. Saunders has a large frame dwelling in process of erection.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS GATHERED HERE AND THERE.

The dispensary made its first yearly settlement last Monday. It turned over to the school fund of the county \$1,118.10 and to the town treasurer \$1,118.10. At the same time it had on hand stock, at actual cost, to the amount of \$1,367.32. There are outstanding debts of \$915.16, showing a net profit for the year of \$2,467.34.

The tobacco acreage in Johnston county will be wonderfully increased this year.

The town of Hobgood having tried it one year without any bar-room, the commissioners have agreed this year as they did last year, and voted not to grant any one license to sell liquor.

Joseph Young, a Statesville mechanic, struck out for Texas without notifying his wife, whom he left behind with nine children. He wrote a note to the sheriff, saying he would send his wife money when he got settled.

Rev. S. S. Gibson tendered his resignation as pastor of the Baptist church of Hendersonville last Sunday, to take effect March 1, 1899. This action was brought about by a mutual agreement with the pastor and board of deacons, and not that he was asked to resign, as has been currently rumored.

Brownlee Morris, a farmer living near Littleton, was taken before a magistrate last week on a charge of attempting to assault his brother's wife. The defendant waived examination and gave bond for his appearance at the next term of the Criminal Court.

A fatal shooting is reported from Horse Creek, in Ashe county. John Hampton, John Goss and Joe Stansberry were the participants, and Hampton and Stansberry were killed, and Goss at last accounts was not expected to live, and is probably now dead. The trouble arose over an old grudge between Hampton and Goss.

Charles A. Traylor, well known in sporting circles, who was convicted of forgery, Salisbury, ten months ago and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, has been pardoned.

Mr. Seymour L. Hargrave, of Snow Hill, and Miss Katie Haskitt, of Scotland Neck, were married yesterday at the home of the bride's father.

The Legislature will be asked to establish a dispensary at Whiteville.

Mr. Isaac W. Farmer, one of Wilson's oldest and most respected citizens, died last week.

The Pickford Sanitarium for Consumptive Negroes, at Southern Pines, has five inmates, and room for nine more, with 75 applications on file.

A white man named Cook, hailing from Scotland Neck, was run over and instantly killed by a train on the Falls Branch railroad.

The Rocky Mount warehouses sold last year 7,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco, exclusive of re-sales.

At Durham Saturday morning, Miss Katie Styron and Mr. James G. Delmar, of New Bern, were united in marriage.

The estate of D. E. Caldwell, Esq., of Greensboro, who died a few days ago, is valued at \$95,000.

The Lonsburg dispensary, according to a special to the Raleigh News and Observer, is doing well. It started business July 1, 1897, without any capital and has since then paid to the county in profits since then \$2,600, has stock on hand to the value of \$1,992.44, and is without liabilities.

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REFORM IN WILMINGTON

The Old Town to Be Made a Sunday School.

Negro School (committeesmen lifted out of office—Proposed New Charter Commands General Approval.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 9.—The reform movement started by the city authorities caused quite an under current of excitement the past week. The most doubtless meets the approval of all. The trouble with the reform is that it was started wrong.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Aldermen the Mayor was instructed to enforce the law against houses of ill-repute and do all in his power to rid the community of them. The matter remained quiet for a week or more until the annual applications for licenses to retail liquor were presented, and then the board announced that no licenses would be granted to sell liquor within three blocks of one of these houses. Here is where the kick came.

The city grants liquor licenses. The sale of liquor is therefore a legitimate business, and the saloon-keepers question the justice of depriving them of the right to conduct a legitimate business because some woman sets up a illegitimate business within three blocks of them. The saloon-keepers have many adherents, and the political river was not without a ripple for some days.

Last Thursday, however, the authorities equalized matters by raising three dens of vice, thus at last getting down to the root of the evil. The inmates of the houses have been escorted to the depot and ordered never to return. The free ticket business is quite the fad here.

CRUSADE TO CONTINUE.

The Mayor has announced his intention of continuing the crusade against evil doers of every calibre until Wilmington becomes a Sunday school. Someone has suggested sending for Dr. Parkhurst, but if he doesn't come soon he will find no work to do. The special police force which was sworn in during the recent race troubles, and has served faithfully ever since has been sworn out and a permanent force instituted. The applicants were required to pass a rigid physical examination and prove good characters. When properly uniformed no city in the South can produce a finer looking body of men. The force numbers thirty-one, including a chief, captain, lieutenant, and three sergeants.

NEGROES ON SCHOOL BOARD.

The County Board of Education is at last organized for work after many vicissitudes. A majority of the school committeesmen were negroes, and these, as well as the white Republicans, refused to resign. The board met a few days ago, organized and just simply removed the whole shooting match, and appointed white men in their stead. Considering the experience they have had along this line, the negro committeesmen were very obtuse.

POLITICIANS DISGRUNTLED.

The bill to repeal the charter of the city of Wilmington, which was introduced in the House this week by Representative Rountree, is a leading topic of conversation just now. The amendments, which are included, take away the appointive power of the aldermen and place it with a board of police and fire commissioners, thus doing away with and preventing the accustomed wire pulling. With the exception of a few disgruntled politicians, the new charter meets the approval of everyone. Under its provisions the Mayor must be elected outside the board of aldermen, a clause which is especially satisfactory.

COURT PROCEEDINGS REFORMED.

None but the old residents can appreciate the change around the courtroom. Under the former judicial administration it was no uncommon sight to see eleven negroes and one white man on a jury, but the past week has produced an intelligent set of jurors as ever deliberated in the wide expanse of the Old North State.

Another example of the former loose methods practiced by fusionists cropped out the first day. Of the first thirty or forty cases called, at least twenty-five defendants turned up missing.

Judges simply allowing the accused to go, leaving it to their conscience as to whether or not they should return. Judge Battle remarked that all of his docket that didn't go to the penitentiary, would be accounted for or he would know the reason why.

NEGROES BREWING TROUBLE.
On Saturday two negro women violently shoved from the sidewalk an elderly lady, the wife of a prominent clergyman. After pushing her off, they abused and cursed her. This sort of outrages were of daily occurrence before the recent election, and it is thought that the lesson taught the negroes November 19th was sufficient. The affair is becoming generally known, much indignation is expressed, and another similar spark may start a blaze of greater proportions than that of last November.

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Men's Suits, well made, double and single-breasted style, worth \$10, consolidated price.....	\$4.96	Children's Suits, double-breasted styles, plain plaids and fancy effects, worth \$2, consolidated price.....	98c.
Men's Fancy All-Wool and Worsted Suits, styles perfect, worth \$12, consolidated price.....	\$6.00	Children's Suits, ages 4 to 14 years, beautiful styles in cassimeres, worth \$3, consolidated price.....	\$1.62
Men's Fine Raritan Overcoats, fully 75 per cent. wool, worth \$3.00, consolidated price.....	\$3.97	Children's Suits, all-wool in checks and plaids, sizes up to 16 years, worth \$4, consolidated price.....	\$1.98
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